

Harold Skinner Killed Sunday in Plane Crash

George Calls For Meet To Avoid War

Washington—(U.P.)—Sen. Walter F. George, Congress leading Democratic foreign policy spokesman, called last night for a big power meeting with Russia in an attempt to avert World War III.

He said he thinks President Eisenhower should confer with Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill "because I believe we have reached the point where there is real hope of making some adjustments" in world tensions.

"Some high-level conferences among the leading powers" are being held in London, he said.

George said such a meeting should come after ratification of the Paris accords. This agrees with the official U.S. and British views.

Viet Nam Premier Refuses Ultimatum For Reorganization

Saigon, Indochina—(U.P.)—American-backed Premier Ngo Dinh Diem angrily rejected an ultimatum today from a coalition of three powerful religious sects to reshuffle his government in five days or face a possible civil war.

A spokesman for Diem said the Premier also warned that he would keep order in the strife-torn country by force of arms if necessary.

The spokesman said that to hand over control of free Viet Nam to the sects would be to "offer the state to the Communists on a silver platter."

"We will keep order by force and we have the means to do so," the spokesman said shortly after the sects presented their demands that Diem replace his present Cabinet with a group approved by them.

Observers said Diem's best chance of ending the growing crisis was to split the sects' unity and deal with each of them in turn. Otherwise, they said, there was a serious chance of civil war.

Farm Leaders Delay Support Showdown

Washington—(U.P.)—House Democratic farm leaders decided today to put off until mid-April a showdown in the House on legislation to restore rigid high farm price supports.

Debate on the legislation to reverse President Eisenhower's flexible price program had been scheduled tentatively to start tomorrow.

Some Republican opponents said the postponement meant the Democrats were "fearful of the outcome" and wanted more time to build up a farm-labor alliance in support of the measure.

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Meetings Scheduled To Explain Program For Polio Vaccination to Parents Here

The first in a series of programs designed to acquaint parents of first and second graders in Jackson county with the proposed Salk anti-polio vaccine program were held today at Howard and Applegate schools, according to county health department officials.

Letters explaining the program are being sent to parents today. Parents who desire to have their children receive the vaccine are requested to return consent slips for the youngsters this week.

Final approval of the Salk program will not be received until about the first of April, and no vaccine will be given un-

less the program is approved. However, it is necessary that the consent slips be returned immediately so that it can be determined how much of the vaccine must be ordered when approval is given.

A total of 3,009 first and second graders in Jackson county will be eligible to receive the vaccine if the program is approved. The vaccine will be given to first and second grade children in all public, private and parochial schools if use of the vaccine is licensed, and if consent slips are received from the parents.

The schedule for programs at various schools explaining the

program is as follows:

Tuesday: Shady Cove, 9 a.m.; Butte Falls, 11 a.m.; Eagle Point, 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday: Central Point, 1 p.m.; Lincoln, Medford, 2 p.m.; Griffin Creek, 2 p.m.; Prospect, 7:30 p.m.; Lone Pine, 7:30 p.m. and Rogue River-Evans Valley, 8 p.m.

Thursday: Oak Grove, 1:45 p.m.; Gold Hill, 2 p.m.; Jackson, Medford, 2 p.m. and Sams Valley, time not set.

Friday: Washington, Medford, 2:15 p.m.

Times for other schools in Jackson county will be announced later.

Some of the schools in Jackson county which will be included in the program are:

Howard and Applegate schools, Central Point, Lincoln, Griffin Creek, Lone Pine, Prospect, Eagle Point, Sams Valley, Gold Hill, Oak Grove, Washington, Jackson, Medford, Sams Valley, and Butte Falls.

Congressmen Laud Nautilus Test Run

Groton, Conn.—(U.P.)—The Joint Congressional Atomic Energy Commission said today the "very high speeds and unlimited endurance" of the atomic-powered submarine Nautilus mark the beginning of a new approach to naval warfare.

The statement was issued after 13 members of the committee completed a 20-hour cruise aboard the Nautilus. They were the first laymen ever permitted aboard the craft.

"We are enthusiastic about her performance," the committee said. "We were impressed with the fundamental simplicity of controls of the nuclear reactor and with the very high speeds the Nautilus can maintain for unlimited time under sustained operating conditions."

"These very high speeds and unlimited endurance are possible only through the use of nuclear fuel. The Nautilus is the only submarine that can completely circle the globe at full speed submerged," the committee said.

Visiting Judge Here To Hear Court Cases

Judge William S. Fort, Eugene, arrived in Medford today to hear cases in Jackson county circuit court, according to court officials. Judge Fort will remain here for a two-week period.

Circuit Judge H. K. Hanna, who returned to his post last week after having been absent for some time because of illness, said this morning that he plans to be in his office every day.



CAUGHT APPLIGATE'S EYE—Mrs. Barbara Hoerter of Chicago (above) will be married to Richard Appligate, NBC correspondent released last September after 18 months as a captive in Red China.

First Limited Use Of Orchard Heating Reported Yesterday

The first limited orchard heating of the year in Jackson county occurred Sunday morning, when temperatures fell to 14 degrees in the coldest spots, according to county agents.

Klamath orchard, between Medford and Phoenix, lighted its heaters at about 4 a.m. Sunday and heated until about sunrise. The temperature at the experiment station near Talent, was recorded at 14 degrees, while 16 degrees was reported at Table Rock.

Roy Rogers, who has conducted the annual frost warning service here for many years, warned this morning that if this area has two or more nights in which temperatures do not drop below 45 degrees, coupled with warm days, fruit buds will develop rapidly.

Forecasters Sated

Rogers tentatively has scheduled his first frost warning broadcasts on radio station's KYJC and KMD for 8 p.m. Friday. The service will be started earlier if necessary, he said.

Rogers requested that those who brought in thermometers before last Saturday for testing pick them up as soon as possible. He will continue to test thermometers brought in before Wednesday. So far, he has tested and serviced 390 thermometers and expects to handle about 450 this year, compared to a previous high of about 350.

Car Goes Off Sexton Mountain; Driver Safe

Jim Vernon, 804 Beekman st., escaped serious injury early Sunday when the car he was driving plunged off Highway 99 on Sexton mountain north of Grants Pass.

Vernon, headed home from the state basketball tourney at Eugene, said he apparently fell asleep. He had slowed down and was looking for a place to pull off and nap when the car left the road and went about 100 feet down the bank. The car reportedly was demolished.

The Medford man suffered hip and back injuries. He was alone and crawled back up to the highway where he stopped a truck. The mishap occurred about 3:30 a.m.

Weather

FORECAST—Variable cloudiness through Tuesday. Slightly warmer tonight. Low tonight 28-30. High Tuesday 58. Temp. Highest yesterday 55. Lowest this morning 25.

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AIRLINER CRASH KILLS 12

Plane Coming in For Landing Falls Into Muddy Field

23 Persons Injured In Missouri Accident

Springfield, Mo.—(U.P.)—An American Airlines Convair plane with 35 persons aboard crashed in a muddy field while approaching Municipal Airport here last night, killing 12 and injuring 23.

Two of the dead were crew members. Co-pilot J. E. Walker and Stewardess Rita Madaj, both of Chicago.

The airline, after a nightlong check of hospitals and funeral homes, issued a corrected list of dead and injured at dawn, some seven hours after the crash.

None of the passengers were from the West.

Headed for Landing

The plane, flight 711 out of Newark, N.J., bound for Tulsa, Okla., crashed as it was coming in for a landing at Springfield.

One of the survivors, B. H. Mays of Cushing, Okla., said there was no warning whatsoever of an impending crash.

The plane plowed into a muddy, open field about a mile north of the airport. One witness reported a flash of light at the time of the crash, but the wreckage did not burn.

Screams from Injured

Mrs. Lloyd Blankenship, who lives nearby, said she and her husband "heard screams for help and my husband ran to the scene."

Persons living in the area notified police the Convair had crashed. Ambulances were rushed to the scene, but bogged down in the mud. Some of the injured had to be carried a half-mile through ankle-deep mud to be loaded on the ambulances and taken to hospitals.

There was wreckage and bodies scattered over about 400 yards, witnesses said.

Vancouver Card Games To Reopen

Vancouver, Wash.—(U.P.)—Mayor Robert S. McCall said today he had authorized the re-opening of card games in Vancouver.

The card parlors have been closed since Dec. 7, 1954, when John Dodge, editor of the Mid-County Reflector, obtained complaints against four operators on charges of conducting gambling. The operators forfeited bail of \$100 each, but the games did not reappear in public.

Mayor McCall said he authorized resumption of card playing with the blessings of the majority of the city council. He said, however, that gambling will not be tolerated.

The first applications for \$50-a-month per table city card licenses were made this morning by Harold Onslow and Lynn E. Stone, operators of establishments in downtown Vancouver.

Bulgain Dismisses Minister of Culture

London—(U.P.)—The government of Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin has dismissed Minister of Culture G. F. Alexandrov from his post for inefficiency, Moscow Radio announced today.

N. A. Mikhailov, currently Soviet ambassador to Poland, has been appointed to succeed Alexandrov, the broadcast said.

Observers here said the dismissal was a further step in the purge of followers of former Premier Georgi Malenkov.

Suspected Embezzler Waives Jury Hearing

Portland—(U.P.)—Murray Enz, 37-year-old Portland banker, today appeared before the U.C. commissioner here and agreed to waive grand jury hearing and enter a plea on a charge of embezzlement.

Enz, who until recently was an officer of the Portland Trust bank, is accused of embezzling \$673 from the bank's Pittcock branch. He was manager of the branch until his resignation about 1 1/2 months ago.

Russian Know-How To Develop Surprise Weapon Could Tip Power Scales To Reds

Washington—(U.P.)—A top Air Force expert warns that Russia has the know-how to develop a surprise weapon within a few years which could tip the balance of military power in favor of the Soviets.

The statement was made at a secret meeting of a House Appropriations subcommittee by Lt. Gen. Donald L. Putt, chief of Air Force research and development and a member of the National Advisory committee for Aeronautics. His testimony was just made public.

While Putt did not elaborate, he presumably referred to the danger that Russia will beat the United States to the punch in developing an intercontinental guided missile capable of carrying hydrogen warheads.

The United States is expected to have such a weapon ready for actual combat use within five to 10 years. Some military experts believe Russia has sacrificed some conventional weapons research in an effort to steal a march on this country in the missiles field.

Gen. Putt, who said previously that Russia is fast overcoming this country's aviation lead, warned that he believes "the international situation could be changed dramatically" by development of such a weapon.

He joined other NACA scientists in praising the technical skills of Russian engineers. They also said Russia is turning out trained engineers much faster than the United States.



FUEL SHIP TELLS REDS 'COME GET IT'

The Finnish tanker Aruba, loaded with 13,000 tons of jet plane fuel for Red China was believed about 300 miles west of Colombo at point (1) on above-Newsmap. The captain of the tanker has refused to put in at Colombo (2) and the crew refuses to sail past Singapore (3). Owners have told the captain to be ready to transfer the fuel at a rendezvous in the open sea. Chinese Nationalists feel that

the Aruba may run the blockade and head for Canton (4). The Aruba's owners notified Peiping that it is up to the Communists to come and get it. Red China has refused to send another tanker to pick up the Aruba's cargo. Peiping reacted "very negatively" to the proposal for fear that Chinese Nationalist warships already lying in wait for the Aruba would capture the relief vessel, informed shipping sources said.

Appropriations Committee Slashes Interior Budget

Washington—(U.P.)—The House Appropriations Committee slashed \$15,708,500 today from funds President Eisenhower requested to run most of the Interior Department starting July 1.

Its \$298,271,246 money bill, which also carried funds for several related agencies, was cut 4.8 per cent below the \$313,979,746 the President had budgeted.

The affected agencies got \$301,474,626 for similar functions during the current fiscal year.

The bill, sent to the floor for approval, earmarked \$207,025,856 for the Interior Department, but this was only the first installment on necessary funds. Money for the Bureau of Reclamation, and for the Bonneville, Southeastern and Southwestern power administrations will be included in a later bill.

The pending measure covered such agencies as the Fish and Wildlife Service, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the National Park Service and the Bureau of Land Management. The \$207,025,856 compared with the \$220,734,356 budget request.

Related agencies like the Agriculture Department's National Forest Service would get \$91,245,390 under the bill. This represented an increase of \$636,690 above budget requests, reducing the committee's overall cut to \$15,081,810.

The committee also chopped \$5,000,000 out of \$7,847,356 in construction funds sought by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Here, too, the committee said, "unobligated funds" were available.

The committee approved the full \$400,000 asked by the department to continue its research

'Operation Icicle' Concluding Today

The third annual "Operation Icicle" came to an end today.

The 34 Scouts and 4 adult leaders who have spent the past five days in the Lake O' Woods area hiked out yesterday and this morning.

The first group, composed of boys from Grants Pass and Cave Junction, gathered briefly at the Scout house here yesterday before returning home. Aside from sunburn and peeling noses, caused by the snow, the boys are fine. They reported they were comfortable camping in the snow in the area between the lake and Mt. McLoughlin, but said the nights were "pretty chilly."

Pilot Gene Kooser flew over the area and checked with the Medford-Ashland group yesterday afternoon. They were all fine, and were expected home today.

Opera Singer Will Stick by Burned Mate

Miami—(U.P.)—Opera singer Irma Petina today termed as "ridiculous" rumors that she will divorce her husband who was badly burned in a night club fire that proved fatal to his female companion.

Miss Petina, who flew here to learn first hand how her husband, Dr. F. R. Bussey Jr., of Bay Shore, N.Y., and Jo Selby, 34, of Miami were burned, said "there's not a word of truth in" the divorce rumors.

"He is badly burned," she said. "He needs me."

Bussey was recuperating from second degree burns he received in the fire at the Caribbean club in the Keys. Miss Selby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Selby, of Valdosta, Ga., died in the club fire.

Chamber Committee OKs Meat Inspection

House Bill 99, which calls for statewide inspection of meat, received the support of the legislative committee of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce this morning. The group voted, 9 to 1, to favor passage of the measure.

At next week's 7:30 a.m. breakfast on Monday, the committee will hear a report on proposals for changes in the state basic school support fund distribution formula.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES

New York—(U.P.)—Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 402.40 off 2.35; 20 railroads 145.38 off 1.06; 15 utilities 63.38 off 0.31, and 65 stocks 150.16 off 0.91. Sales today were about 2,020,000 shares compared with 2,050,000 shares Friday.

Light Aircraft Hits Power Lines At Emigrant Lake

Prominent Young Man Alone; Plane Burns

Harold H. Skinner, 25, of 32 Portland ave., was killed yesterday afternoon when his light plane crashed and burned near Emigrant lake east of Ashland.

A member of a prominent Medford family, he was one of the proprietors of Skinner's Garage, Buick and Cadillac dealers here.

Reports from state police, the office of Coroner Carlos Morris, eyewitnesses and airport authorities indicated this is what happened:

Skinner was flying his Stinson 150 Voyager, a light, four-place plane, during the afternoon out of the Medford airport. He had taken passengers for rides, but at about 3:30 p.m. or thereabouts he dropped them off at the airport.

He took off again, some friends saying he was planning to fly to Emigrant lake where he was going to look for his brother, Lon, who he believed to be boating on the lake. People in the area said the plane flew north over the lake at an estimated altitude of about 50 feet. As it went toward the highway from the dam, it struck a power line stretched between the hills, faltered and crashed into a steep cliff-like section of the hill. Witnesses said it caught fire as it hit the lines, and exploded before it crashed. All but the tail section of the plane burned.

Apparently it was some time before the accident was reported to authorities, and further time elapsed before they could reach the charred wreckage of the plane and bring out the pilot's body. The crash occurred at about 3:45 or 4 p.m.

It was not definitely known whether or not there was a passenger in the plane until the official party reached the scene of the crash.

Conger-Morris funeral home will have charge of the funeral services, which are pending.

Mr. Skinner was married to the former Miss Constance Stokes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Stokes, Foothills rd. Their two small children are Michael Loren, 3, and Robert Arlon, 9 months. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Skinner, 1004 East Main st., and his brother is Arlon E. (Lon) Skinner, 30 Portland ave. The father and two brothers were associated in the garage business.

Drought Won't Affect City's Water Supplies

Prolonged dry weather which has plagued southern Oregon this winter is expected to have no effect on the Medford city water supply, City Manager Robert Duff said this morning.

The Medford city water supply comes from Big Butte springs, in the Butte Falls area. Because of the nature of this source of supply, Duff said, one dry year causes little or no change in the amount of water available to the city. Several dry years in a row, however, might have some effect on the supply, he stated.

No unusual restrictions in use of city water are contemplated during the coming summer, according to the city manager.

Week End Auto Accidents Leave Four Dead, Six Hurt

Bend—(U.P.)—Two men were killed and two women were injured early Monday when their automobile swerved off Highway 97 and crashed into a tree five miles north of Gilchrist, Ore.

State police identified the dead as Laurence Brown of Warm Springs, who was killed outright, and Roy Meachem, 42, of Chiloquin, who died in a Bend hospital.

Injured were Brown's wife, Rosie, 31, and Marla Craig, 18, of Lookout, Calif. They were being treated in the Bend hospital.

Earlier Saturday, Clifford A. Clark, 17, of Portland, was killed as his car crashed head-on into a heavy truck 9 1/2 miles north of Vancouver, Wash. Driver of the truck, Lyman Munger, 47, of Portland was taken to Good Samaritan hospital where his condition is reported as satisfactory.

Washington Woman Killed Mrs. Edna Morris, Olympia, Wash., was killed Friday when a car driven by her husband crashed head-on into a plywood truck south of Grants Pass on the Redwood highway. Her husband, Frank, 61, was hospitalized with fractures of both legs and other injuries. His condition is described as very serious.